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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed November 21, 2001, Applicants request entry of the following amendments and consideration of the remarks below.

In the Claims

Please cancel claims 10, 20, and 28 without prejudice. Please amend claims 1, 4, 6, 9, 11, 13-14, 19, 21, 23, 30, 39-40, 44 and 50 as follows.

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1. (Twice Amended) An active chlorine containing solid unit containing a chlorine source and a source of dye, the solid unit comprising:
 - (a) about 1 to 90 wt% of a source of chlorine; and about 10 to about 200 parts by weight of the source of chlorine per each part of dye; and
 - (b) a source of a dye, the dye comprising a particulate dye having a minimum particle size of about 200 microns; the dye, when reacted with the source of chlorine, changing or depleting its color over a predetermined time of 15 minutes to 24 hours;